

DAVID'S GREAT WARS

Psalm 18

Next to David's great spiritual leadership, perhaps his greatest single contribution to the nation Israel was his conquest of the surrounding nations, resulting in the geographical expansion of the nation. Read below about these conquests, and the literature which David wrote as a result of them:

MAP 7: THE EMPIRE OF DAVID AND SOLOMON, ILLUSTRATING 2 SAMUEL - 2 CHRONICLES

A. David's Geographical Conquests: Read 2 Samuel 8

1. On the map to the left, notice the size of Israel when the tribes were first given their territories. Then list the nations conquered by David, locating each on the map:

- a. 2 Samuel 8:1 _____
- b. 2 Samuel 8:2 _____
- c. 2 Samuel 8:3 _____
- d. 2 Samuel 8:5 _____
- e. 2 Samuel 8:14 _____
- f. 2 Samuel 10:14 _____

2. Who helped David in conquering all these nations? 2 Samuel 23:8-39

1. What was the real secret of all David's victories? 2 Samuel 5:10, 8:6, 14

2. What did David do after had had won all his battles? 2 Samuel 22:1

5. Compare 2 Samuel 22 with Psalm 18. What do you notice about them?

B. Psalm 18:

1. In this Psalm, what did David call the Lord? Psalm 18:1-2

2. When ungodly men made David afraid, what did he do? Psalm 18:4-6

3. Read the description of what took place as a result of this in Psalm 18:7-16. What was the main thing God did for David? Psalm 18:17

4. Why did God do this? Psalm 18:20-24

2 Bible Discoveries: Literature of the OT Series by Sarah Overstreet Midyett
Book 2 Israel's Golden Age Under David and Solomon

5. To whom did David give credit for all that he had done for Israel? Psalm 18:29, 32, 34, 35, 39, 43, 47, 48

6. What great fact had David learned about God as a result of all his wars? Psalm 18:30a

7. What had David learned that God would do for him? Psalm 18:32b (See also Psalm 138:8a)

8. What did David do as a result of all God had done for him? Psalm 18:49

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was the secret of David's greatness - in character and in accomplishments? Psalm 18:32

2. Who deserves credit for all my accomplishments? Who gets this credit?
